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SUBJ: BDVERLY W. MITCHELL

REF: UNCLAS STATE 144017 AND EMBASSY 08565

1. REFERENCE STATE 144017 PROMISED PERSONAL DATA, WHICH FOLLOWS:

EDUCATION: B.S. IN EDUCATION, NORTHWESTERN UNIV.; MASTER OF
CITY PLANNING (MCP), UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA

EXPERIENCE: RESEARCH ASSISTANT, UNIV. OF PENNA.
TEACHING ASSISTANT, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
INSTRUCTOR, FISK UNIVERSITY
HUD URBAN INTERN, AUGUST '73 TO PRESENT

2. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED MISS MITCHELL'S PRIMARY INTEREST IS
THE AREA OF HOUSING MANAGEMENT FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND THE
AGED. THE MAJOR SUBJ AREA IS THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO
THESE GROUPS. HER INTEREST IS IN QUESTIONS AS: WHAT KIND OF
SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AND WHAT ARE THE MECHANISM OR PROCEDURES USED?
WHAT ARE THE COSTS AND WHO PAYS THE BILL, DIRECTLY AND INDRIECTLY?
DO PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS RECEIVE HIGHER STANDARDS OF SOCIAL SERVICE
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THAN NON-PROJECT OR PRIVATE DISTRICTS? WHAT IS THE RELATIVE SIZE

AND IMPACT OF THE PROBLEM FAMILY CATEGORY?

3. A BALANCED PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES VISITS TO PROJECTS AND DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL COUNCIL STAFF AS WELL AS BROADER PROGRAM DISCUSSIONS WITH DOE AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE STAFF WOULD BE BEST. SOME EXPOSURE TO PROJECTS AND VIEWS OF LOCAL COUNCILS OUTSIDE OF GREATER LONDON WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT AT LEAST A DAY OR TWO BE PROGRAMMED WITH TRAINING OFFICERS IN DOE AND HOUSING MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE ON THE GENERAL TOPIC OF THE KIND OF TRAINING FELT NEEDED FOR AN PROVIDED TO JUNIOR AND MIDDLE-LEVEL CAREER PROFESSIONALS. IN THE LIGHT OF MISS MITCHELL'S FORMAL TRAINING, SOME EXPOSURE TO PLANNING AGENCIES IN THE GREATER LONDON AREA WOULD PROVE OF ESPECIAL VALUE TO HER.

5. AS THE EMBASSY HAS PROBABLY SURMISED, HUD VIEWS THIS VISIT AS A PILOT EXAMINATION OF THE VALUE OF A) PROVIDING AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE TO OCCASIONAL, SELECTED JUNIOR AND MIDDLE CAREER OFFICERS AND B) POSSIBLE FURTHER AVENUES OF BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH DOE. MAXIMUM USE OF THE AGENCY-TO-AGENCY COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN HUD/WND DOE SHOULD RESULT IN LITTLE BURDEN FOR THE EMBASSY. TO FACILITATE MATTERS, A SEPARATE LETTER IS BEING SEND TO HUD'S CONTACT IN DOE (MR. IRVPNG YASS) AND A COPY WILL BE POUCHEDNTT THE EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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